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Information Technology

Fellow Faculty and Staff:

Bob Owen, Vice President for Information Technology, has accepted the position of Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Vice Provost for Technology and Information Services at Santa Clara University in California. Bob will continue to be with us through June. We are grateful for Bob's leadership, expertise, and technological guidance over the last five years. He has worked with his superb staff to ensure that we are in front of the ever-changing technological curve in higher education. We wish Bob and Lisa the very best in their professional and personal future endeavors.

After considerable thought and consultation with a number of individuals across campus, I am appointing Gordon Johnson, who is currently serving as the Associate Vice President of Information Technology, as the Chief Information Technology Officer for WKU. This will mean that we will have one less Vice President, but Gordon will serve on the University's Administrative Council and report directly to me.

The only change that I am making in this transition relates to our Public Broadcasting Services (PBS). Effective July 1, our PBS operations, including WKYU-TV and our public radio stations, and all federal and state broadcasting affiliations, will become part of the Division of Public Affairs. This will allow our Public Broadcasting Services to function independently, but cohesively with the University's other outreach programs especially governmental relations and news and media relations. The Division of Information Technology will, of course, continue to provide all technological support for Public Broadcasting Services, just as they provide services for all divisions of the University.

Join me in welcoming Gordon Johnson to his new leadership duties. Thank you.

Gary A. Ransdell